



City of Boston, Massachusetts

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CITY OF BOSTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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The Program

Mayor Thomas M. Menino established the City of Boston Scholarship Fund to provide assistance to Boston residents who plan to pursue a two or four year undergraduate program within Massachusetts. Funds for the scholarship are made possible from voluntary contributions made by citizens, corporate sponsors and others. Scholarships will be offered each year for full-time degree-seeking study at any two or four-year accredited post-secondary institution within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The award amount and number of scholarships will depend on available funds through annual contributions. Scholarship recipients may reapply each year. The scholarship program operates under the authority of a Scholarship Committee, appointed by the Mayor, and is managed by the City of Boston.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a legal resident of Boston for at least two years as of January 1 of the year of the application. Applicants must also graduate from high school or have completed the G.E.D. by the time the awards are made.

Application Process

To apply, students must complete the application form, which includes the following:

- A letter of recommendation (from school, employer, church, or community).
- An official secondary school record and SAT or TOEFL score if available, or G.E.D. score report.
- Finalists must provide a copy of their most recent 1040 tax form and Financial Aid Form (FAF) for verification of financial need.
- If selected, applicants will be asked for proof of residency, and evidence that they will be attending a post-secondary institution **within** the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Essay question required of all applicants.

Selection of Recipient

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, community service, educational and career goals, and character demonstrated through leadership, work experience, and recommendation. The Scholarship Committee will interview semifinalists.

Because applications are evaluated based on the information supplied, students are encouraged to answer all questions as thoughtfully and completely as possible.

**To Request
Application**

Financial need is determined based on the total cost of education and living expenses for a school year less expected family contributions and other grant and loan funds awarded to the applicant.

Awards are contingent upon acceptance to an accredited institution within Massachusetts. Applicants will be notified of the award decision by the beginning of June. Re-awards will be based on successful academic performance and continued financial need.

Write to: Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 400, City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA 02105

Applications will be available after January 15, 2004.

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 1, 2004 . Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered.